

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MEDELL 00294 301827Z

43

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ARAE-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15

CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01

SCCT-01 AID-05 /068 W

----- 068377

P 301525Z OCT 75

FM AMCONSUL MEDELLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1186

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

UNCLAS MEDELLIN 0294

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, CO

SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S SURPRISE VISIT TO REASSURE ANTIOQUIA MARRED BY
ANOTHER KIDNAPPING

REF: MEDELLIN 0290

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PAID BRIEF SURPRISE VISIT TO MEDELLIN OCT 28-29, ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY FONMIN AS "BODYGUARD", IN APPARENT ATTEMPT COMBAT CLIMATE OF UNEASE CREATED BY RECENT KIDNAPPING WAVE (REFTEL). PRESIDENT ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED AT AIRPORT, TOOK TAXI TO DOWNTOWN HOTEL, AND ONLY THEN MADE PRESENCE KNOWN. REMAINDER OF LESS THAN 24- HOUR VISIT DEVOTED TO MEETINGS WITH AUTHORITIES CONCERNING SECURITY SITUATION, PRESS CONFERENCE, AND POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS WITH LIBERAL LEADERS. PRESIDENT'S EFFORT REASSURE CITIZENRY SOMEWHAT MARRED, HOWEVER, BY NINTH PUBLICIZED KIDNAPPING IN 54 DAYS, THIS TIME OF 70 YEAR-OLD MERCHANT SUFFERING FROM HEART CONDITION, WHO SEIZED WHEN RETURNING ALONE FROM EVENING MASS. UPON DEPARTURE, PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT, IN SPITE OF LATEST KIDNAPPING, HE PLEASED WITH POSITIVE REACTION OF ANTIOQUIA PUBLIC OPINION IN FACE OF SITUATION, AND THAT HE INTENDS RETURN ON OFFICIAL VISIT THIS WEEKEND FOR CITY S 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

2. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO PUBLIC ORDER INCLUDE: (A) ARRIVAL OF FOUR MINISTERS, NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF, AND CARDINAL S
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MEDELL 00294 301827Z

REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEETINGS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TO

PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC "FORUM ON INSECURITY", OCT.30, WHERE MAJOR FIGURES FROM BUSINESS AND OTHER SECTORS WILL DISCUSS CURRENT SECURITY PROBLEMS& (B) REPORTED CAPTURE OF SEVEN PERSONS LINKED TO MEDELLIN KIDNAPPING RINGS, BRINGING TOTAL OF SUSPECTS HELD TO 35& (C) DECLARATIONS BY ANTIOQUIA GOVERNOR THAT KIDNAPPINGS IN WHICH POOR ARE VICTIMS EXCEED THOSE AFFECTING RICH, AND EMPHASIZING THAT PROBLEM CONCERNS ALL CITIZENS& AND, (D) REITERATION BY MEDELLIN MAYOR THAT 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WILL BE HELD, IN SPITE OF PUBLIC ORDER PROBLEMS.
YOULE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: KIDNAPPING, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, PUBLIC ATTITUDES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MEDELL00294
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750377-0178
From: MEDELLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975106/aaaaaeuy.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 MEDELLIN 290
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 NOV 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 NOV 2003 by MaustMC>; APPROVED <20 JAN 2004 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT'S SURPRISE VISIT TO REASSURE ANTIOQUIA MARRED BY ANOTHER KIDNAPPING
TAGS: PINS, PINT, CO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006